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"Cooling Centers" Remain Open In Harford County

(Bel Air, MD) - - As the heat wave continues to have a severe impact on Harford County, as well as throughout the State of Maryland, Harford County Government, in cooperation with Harford County Public Library and the Harford County Health Department, are continuing to provide "Cooling Centers" for use by those in need of temporary relief from the heat.

All branches of the Harford County Public Library will serve as "Cooling Centers" today through Saturday. All branches will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. today, to include extended hours of operation for the Darlington branch. Harford County Public Library will also be open assisting the community as "Cooling Centers" on Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"We appreciate the assistance offered by Director Mary Hastler and Harford County Public Library in helping Harford County Government provide "Cooling Centers" for use by our citizens during this heat wave." County Executive David R. Craig stated. "Our libraries are a great place to visit anytime, but especially now during this period of oppressive heat," the County Executive remarked.

The Harford County Health Department recommends that individuals at special risk should stay indoors on particularly hot and humid days, especially when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditions should go to places such as shopping malls, movie theaters or designated cooling centers.

For additional information regarding heat health issues and preventive measures visit the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Extreme Heat website at http://dhmh.maryland.gov/extremeheat/SitePages/Home.aspx. or the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations at www.harfordpublicsafety.org.

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